Defence deal with Israel

1397. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of arms deal of our country with Israel in the last five years;

(b) what types of arms have been bought from Israel;

(c) are there any conditions imposed by Israel in this regard; and

(d) whether Pakistan have also bought the same arms from Israel?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Procurement of defence items is made from various indigenous as well as foreign sources including Israel in accordance with the defence procurement procedure. This is a continuous process undertaken for the modernization of the Armed Forces to keep them in a state of readiness to meet any eventuality. A number of contracts were concluded with Israel during the last five years for acquisition of various types of defence equipment. Contractual obligations are required to be met by both the sides.

(d) In the absence of specific inputs, it is difficult to comment whether Pakistan is having the same arms from Israel.

Delay in building scorpion range submarines at MDL

1398. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a mammoth Rs. 18,798 crore project for building six Scorpion range submarine at Mazagon Docks Ltd. Is running much behind the schedule;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what will be the implications for the Indian Navy and on the cost factor because of the inordinate delay?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) As per the contract signed with Mazagaon Docks Limited, first submarine is schedule to be delivered in December 2012 and thereafter, one each every year till December 2017. On account of some teething problems, time taken in absorption of technology and delays in augmentation of industrial infrastructure and procurement of MDL purchased materials (MPM), slippage in the delivery schedule in expected. Delay in scheduled delivery of submarine is likely to have an impact on the envisaged submarine force levels. Loss on account of the delayed delivery is difficult to quantify at this stage.